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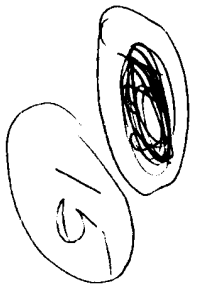
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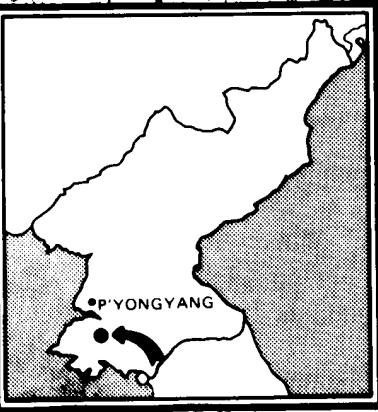
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**GRAPHIC 2
COMBINED ARMS
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1. SIGNIFICANCE: TWO ARMOR BRIGADES HAVE BEEN NEWLY IDENTIFIED IN THE WESTERN AREA OF THE 4TH CORPS. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: THE NEW ARMOR BRIGADES ARE DEPLOYED ALONG THE EAST-WEST RAIL LINE THAT CONNECTS SAMCHON, SINCHON AND CHAPPYONG; ONE TO THE NORTH AND ONE TO THE SOUTH. SOME UNIT OVERLAP IS NOTED BETWEEN UNITS IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH BRIGADE AREAS; HOWEVER, THE SIMILARITY IN UNIT STRUCTURE IS SUFFICIENT TO CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF TWO BRIGADES. WHILE THE SUBORDINATION OF THESE ARMOR BRIGADES IS UNKNOWN, THEY COULD BE SUBORDINATE TO EITHER THE UNIDENTIFIED MECHANIZED CORPS IN THE SARIWON AREA OR TO THE 4TH CORPS (GRAPHIC 1). EACH BRIGADE CONSISTS OF THREE MEDIUM TANK BATTALIONS, ONE LIGHT TANK BATTALION, ONE BTR-60 ARMOR PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC)-EQUIPPED MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION, TWO M-1973 APC-EQUIPPED MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALIONS OR TWO UNITS WITH MECHANIZED INFANTRY ASSETS, ONE SELF-PROPELLED (SP) ARTILLERY UNIT, AND AT LEAST ONE MOTOR TRANSPORT COMPANY. (SWN)

NORTHERN ARMOR BRIGADE --

UNITS IDENTIFIED WITH THIS ARMOR BRIGADE MOVED INTO NEWLY CONSTRUCTED INSTALLATIONS OR RECENTLY VACATED GARRISONS FROM JUNE TO AUGUST. CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON THE NEW INSTALLATIONS AFTER [] AND IS CONTINUING AT A RAPID PACE. (SWN)

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A SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY UNIT OCCUPIED THE NEW FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT CHUULLI MILITARY BARRACKS. THIS INSTALLATION MAY HOUSE AS MANY AS TWO FOUR-GUN SP GUN BATTERIES AND TWO SIX-GUN SP GUN BATTERIES. THIS MIXTURE SUGGESTS THAT A NEW TYPE ARTILLERY UNIT HAS BEEN TAILORED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THESE NEW ARMOR BRIGADES. THE SIZE OF THE BATTERIES ALSO INDICATES THAT THERE MAY BE AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF SP GUNS. (SWN)

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SOUTHERN ARMOR BRIGADE--

THE TIME OF DEPLOYMENT OF THE SOUTHERN ARMOR BRIGADE COINCIDES WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE NORTHERN ARMOR BRIGADE. THE UNIT STRUCTURE OF THIS BRIGADE PARALLELS THAT OF THE NORTHERN BRIGADE. (SWN)

A NEWLY IDENTIFIED COMBINED ARMS UNIT/TEAM WAS AT TAEAMNI BARRACKS ON [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 2). COMBAT ELEMENTS AT THE NEW INSTALLATION INCLUDE AT LEAST THREE PROBABLE SELF-PROPELLED GUN BATTERIES, ONE POSSIBLE TANK COMPANY, AND TWO MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANIES. FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION HERE INCLUDE SEVEN PARTIALLY COMPLETED VEHICLE SHEDS IN WHICH THE COMBAT EQUIPMENT IS CURRENTLY PARKED. THIS INSTALLATION MAY ALSO CONTAIN THE ASSETS FOR THE SECOND MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION. (SWN)

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ONE NEWLY IDENTIFIED SELF-PROPELLED GUN UNIT IS HOUSED AT YUJOM DONG BARRACKS. THIS SP GUN UNIT ALSO MAY CONTAIN A FOUR BATTERY STRUCTURE SIMILAR TO THE SP GUN UNIT WITH THE NORTHERN ARMOR BRIGADE. THREE OF THE SP GUN BATTERIES AND A SUPPORT/STORAGE AREA HOUSING THE CARGO TRUCKS NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH AMMUNITION SUPPORT WERE IN THE MAIN PART OF THE INSTALLATION. THE FOURTH SP GUN BATTERY WAS IN A SMALL AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION 1.8 KM NORTH OF THE MAIN INSTALLATION. A POSSIBLE COMMAND ELEMENT CONSISTING OF THREE BTR-60 APC WAS IN A SMALL AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION APPROXIMATELY 1.8 KM WEST OF THE MAIN INSTALLATION. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE UNIT HAVE BEEN PRESENT SINCE AT LEAST [REDACTED] (SWN)

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